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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UK MISSION REEVALUATES U.S. EFFORTS IN ILO

REF: (A) GENEVA 1568; (B) GENEVA 1571; (C) GENEVA 1630;
(D) GENEVA 1647 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING POSITIVE RESPONSE TO U.S.
POSITIONS BY ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB) LAST WEEK, (REFS A, B & C)
THE UK MISSION HERE HAS REVISED ITS PESSIMISTIC
EVALUATION OF U.S. EFFORTS IN ILO AND IT EXPECTS
THAT LONDON WILL BECOME MORE SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POLICY.
UK REEVALUATION WAS ALSO PROMPTED BY CLEAR SHIFTS
TO PRO-U.S. POSITIONS BY THE BRITISH TRADE UNION
CONGRESS (TUC) AND BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE.
THE NEW UK ATTITUDE CAN BE EXPECTED TO INFLUENCE
OTHER ILO MEMBER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY EUROPEAN MEMBERS
OF IMEC (INDUSTRIALIZED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES).

END SUMMARY

2. UK MISSION OFFICER TOLD US GB ACTIONS MARCH 3-4
((1) ENDING DG'S FOLLOW-UP TO 1974 CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL; (2) APPROVING U.S.
PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE SCREENING PROCESS TO LIMIT
POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AT ILO ANNUAL CONFERENCE; AND
(3) POSTPONING MEETINGS OF THE WP ON STRUCTURE UNTIL
THE CONFERENCE) HAD UPSET THEIR PRE-GB ESTIMATES AND
LED THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT U.S. OBJECTIVES IN ILO
WERE INDEED POSSIBLE. THEY WILL RECOMMEND LONDON
GIVE STRONGER SUPPORT FOR U.S. ILO POLICY. SINCE
LONDON HAS BEEN "RELYING HEAVILY ON OUR ASSESSMENTS
AND WE NOW HAVE EGG ON OUR CHEEK", UK MISOFF EXPECTS
LONDON WILL ADOPT A POLICY MORE SUPPORTIVE OF U.S.
UK COUNCILOR HERE (WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
CRITICAL AND PESSIMISTIC EVALUATION OF U.S. EFFORTS
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IN ILO) IS EXPECTED TO CONVEY HIS CHANGED ASSESSMENT
TO US THIS WEEK.

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3. UK MISOFF SAID THEY FRANKLY DID NOT BELIEVE
HOROWITZ' TRIPS TO ASIA AND AFRICA WOULD RESULT IN
CHANGED VOTING PATTERNS AT ILO. OBVIOUSLY, THEY
HAD BEEN WRONG AND HAD UNDERESTIMATED THE RESOURCES
THE U.S. COULD BRING TO BEAR ON THE ILO. THEY
HAD ALSO BEEN TAKEN BACK BY THE NOW CLEAR SUPPORT OF
THE TUC FOR THE U.S.

4. SINCE STRUCTURE WAS THE ONLY AREA IN ILO WHERE
THE UK DIFFERED FROM THE U.S., UK POSITIONS IN THE
WP ON STRUCTURE WOULD BECOME "MORE ACCOMODATING".
THE UK STILL FELT STRUCTURAL CHANGE WAS BOTH NECESSARY
AND INEVITABLE BUT THE SHIFT IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN
OFFICE HAD LEFT THEM HIGH AND DRY. HE INSISTED THAT
VENTEJOL (GOF MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY) STILL FAVORED
STRUCTURAL CHANGE BUT HAD APPARENTLY BEEN OVERRULED
BY THE QUAI, AS HAD THE FRENCH MISSION HERE. THE
FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE GB SESSION INCLUDED NO ONE
FROM THE FRENCH MISSION. WE POINTED OUT THAT
IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT VENTEJOL HAD SUBSTANTIVE
DIFFERENCE WITH THE QUAI; HE HAD OVERRULED THE QUAI
LAST YEAR AND COULD EASILY DO THIS AGAIN IF HE FELT
STRONGLY. EVERYONE COULD IN PRINCIPLE ACCEPT THE
DESIRABILITY OF CHANGE BUT THE U.S. OPPOSED CHANGE
BECAUSE ALL THE PROPOSALS SO FAR WOULD CHANGE THE
POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF THE GB IN WAYS THAT WOULD
ACCELERATE THE TRENDS DESCRIBED IN THE U.S. NOTICE OF
INTENT TO WITHDRAW. WE POINTED OUT THAT FOR US, THE
VOTED AT THE MARCH GB SESSION DID NOT MEAN A GRAND
VICTORY; THEY WERE SIMPLY AN INDICATION OF THE POTENTIAL
IMPACT ON THE ILO OF CONCERNED ACTION BY THE IMEC GROUP.

5. COMMENT: OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES HAVE OBVIOUSLY
BEEN LEFT HIGH AND DRY BY THEIR OWN TUC AND BY THE
VOTES IN THE MARCH GB SESSION. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT
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THEIR MISJUDGMENTS OF U.S. EFFORTS WENT BEYOND THE
STRUCTURE REFORM ISSUE, TI INCLUDE AT LEAST THE ISRAEL
ISSUE; AND SINCE THEIR MISJUDGMENTS WERE PROBABLY
SHARED BY OTHERS, INCLUDING IMEC MEMBERS, PERHAPS SOME
OF THE OTHERS WILL HAVE SIMILAR SECOND THOUGHTS. WE
HOPE THEIR EMBARRASSMENT WILL TURN TO SOLID COOPERATION
IN THE JUNE CONFERENCE ON STRUCTURE, AMENDMENT OF THE
STANDING ORDERS TO PROVIDE FOR SCREENING OUT OF
POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AND THE OTHER ISSUES. END COMMENT CATTO

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